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Dear Sir.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 28, 2004, said period of response being extended from September 28, 2004 to December 28, 2004.

Please charge the required extension fee in the amount of \$1,020.00 for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0494.

Respectfully submitted,

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